

CONFIDENTIAL RECORD SHEET  
REGISTRATION SERVICE  
BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

DATE: July 11, 1989

FULL NAME Aubrey Eugene Bird  
(No initials if you can possibly get full name)

S.S. NO. [REDACTED]

ADDRESS [REDACTED]

CITY California STATE Missouri ZIP CODE 65018

DATE OF BIRTH 02/15/34 (This is important and should be exact)

APPROXIMATE AGE \_\_\_\_\_ (To be used ONLY when date of birth is not known)

RELIGION Church of Christ NATIONALITY (Citizen of) United States of America

OCCUPATION Missouri Highway Department

EDUCATION High School

WEIGHT 200 lbs. HEIGHT 5'11" RACE Caucasian

COLOR OF HAIR Brown COLOR OF EYES Blue

ANY DISTINGUISHING PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS None known

HOBBIES OR SPECIAL INTERESTS Collects antiques

MARRIED ☒ SINGLE ☐ NAME OF SPOUSE [REDACTED]

CHILDREN [REDACTED]

(Name, number, ages, if possible)

SCOUTING CONNECTIONS:

UNIT #	CITY	STATE	POSITION	DATE REGISTERED	DATE RESIGNED
T-120	California	MO	ASM	05/71	06/07/89
E-120	California	MO	EA	02/88	06/06/89
Chartered Organization <u>The California Kiwanis Club charters both units.</u>					

SPECIAL RECOGNITION Silver Beaver and District Award of Merit

INCIDENT: TYPE 1 & 2 DATE OF INCIDENT 1982--present RESOLUTION 1, 2, & 5  
Type Resolution

1=Scout Related  
2=Non-scout related  
3=homosexual (not specifically with youth)

1. Internal (only Scouts Know)  
2. Criminal action  
3. Court action  
4. Probationary status  
5. Reported to state agency

Check off list of attached documentation

1. Description of incident
2. Victim(s) statement
3. media reports
4. Legal proceedings
5. Offender's statement
6. Official notification of termination
7. Found guilty/innocent by court

**APPROVED**

**JUN 13 1990**

**JOSEPH L. ANGLIM**

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**AUG 4 1989**

Council GREAT RIVERS COUNCIL

Signed

James D. Bone Jr.  
SCOUT EXECUTIVE

**F. STARON**

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June 14, 1990

Mr. James D. Bare  
Scout Executive  
Great Rivers Council, No. 653

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT: Aubrey Eugene Bird

Dear Jim:

Thank you for the detailed information sent concerning the above Scouter. This case has been reviewed with our attorney and is now on our permanent Ineligible Volunteer File.

Sincerely,

Paul Ernst, Director  
Registration Service

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cc: North Central Region

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JUN 14 1990  
ERIN O'RILEY

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Great Rivers Council

# Boy Scouts of America

COUNCIL 653, AREA 5, NORTH CENTRAL REGION

BOX 736 (1203 FAY)/COLUMBIA, MO 65205-0736/314-449-2561

May 30, 1990

Mr. Paul Ernst, Director of Registration Service  
Boy Scouts of America  
1325 Walnut Hill Lane  
P.O. Box 152079  
Irving, TX 75015-2079

Dear Paul:

Earlier you wrote requesting information concerning the status of Gene Bird's trial. As you can see from the enclosed information, Mr. Bird received a twelve year sentence in the penitentiary.

Recently, I had discussions with the city marshall of Bland-Belle concerning Mr. John Sharp who was suspended. The marshall did not believe that Mr. Sharp was living in the community, but stated there was a possibility that he and his family were still receiving counseling. It was the opinion of the city marshall that this situation would not lead to prosecution.

It is my belief that both of these situations have currently been completed as they relate to Scouting.

Sincerely,

*James D. Bare, Jr.*

James D. Bare, Jr.  
Scout Executive

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SERVING YOUTH IN THE 33 COUNTIES OF NORTH CENTRAL MISSOURI

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# Former Boy Scout leader sentenced to 12 years in prison for sex assaults

By MIKE FLANAGAN  
News Tribune

A former California Boy Scout leader was sentenced Friday to 12 years in prison for sexually assaulting California scouts in four Missouri counties.

Judge Mary Dickerson, who serves Miller, Moniteau, Camden, Morgan and Laclede counties from the 26th Circuit, sentenced Aubrey Eugene Bird, 56, California, to seven years in prison for first-degree deviant sexual assault, a Class C felony, and five years for second-degree deviant sexual assault, a Class D felony. The terms are for crimes committed in Moniteau County.

Ms. Dickerson's ruling, handed down in Miller County on a change of venue, followed a recommendation made by Moniteau County Prosecutor John Kay.

The sentences, to run consecutively, are the maximum for both crimes.

"This was a traumatic thing for our community," Kay said. "Bird was well thought of in the community and just a few years ago was named the Chamber of Commerce's Outstanding Man of the Year."

Bird, who was transferred to the state prison system after the hearing, was arrested June 15, 1989, in Moniteau County.

Related charges also were filed in Morgan, Camden and Cass counties following an investigation.

Morgan County officials charged Bird with one count of first-degree deviant sexual assault and one count of sodomy, a Class B felony. Authorities in Camden County

filed two counts of sodomy and one count of first-degree deviant sexual assault and Cass County officials filed one count of sodomy against Bird.

Kay said the incidents, which involved boys 13 to 16 years of age, occurred between November 1984 and 1988. All the cases were moved to Miller County on a change of venue.

Bird, held in the Moniteau County Jail since his arrest, had pleaded not guilty and not guilty by reason of mental defect or disease to all the charges and was ordered to undergo a mental evaluation.

Kay said after the evaluation came back Bird changed his Moniteau County plea to guilty on March 14 and a presentence investigation was ordered.

On Friday, Bird changed his other pleas from not guilty to guilty and prosecutors from the counties involved were on hand for sentencing.

Ms. Dickerson sentenced Bird to seven years on the deviant

sexual assault charge and to 12 years on the sodomy charge from Morgan County. Bird also received 10 years for each count of sodomy and seven years for the sexual assault charge from Camden County and 10 years on the sodomy charge from Cass County.

Kay said the sentences from Morgan, Camden and Cass counties are to be served concurrent with each other and with the 12-year sentence from Moniteau County.

"One thing that is important here is that Boy Scouts of America policy prohibits putting leaders in a one-on-one situation with scouts," Kay said. "These events that took place were not official events sanctioned by the Boy Scouts of America."



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BOX 736 (1203 FAY)/COLUMBIA, MO 65205-0736/314-449-2561

November 7, 1989

Mr. Paul Ernst,  
Director - Registration Service  
Boy Scouts of America  
P.O. Box 152079  
Irving, TX 75015-2079

Dear Paul:

In regard to your letter of November 1, 1989, regarding Aubrey Eugene Bird; I can report to you that Mr. Bird is currently being held in the Moniteau County Jail and that his case is going through the legal process. It is my understanding from second-hand sources that Mr. Bird is planning to vigorously resist these charges and it is possible that we will have an extended legal proceeding. Additionally, he faces charges in several other counties and at this time I do not know the status of those cases.

I will keep you advised of the situation as I become aware of pertinent information.

Sincerely,

*James D. Bare, Jr.*

James D. Bare, Jr.  
Scout Executive

JDB/jt



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November 1, 1989

A. GRAVES

Mr. James D. Bare  
Scout Executive  
Great Rivers Council, No. 653

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT: Aubrey Eugene Bird

Dear Jim:

Periodically, I follow up on all the Ineligible Volunteer file cases which have not yet been completed.

I would like to know if any further legal action has taken place related to this matter. We would like to close this file as soon as the legal action is completed. The final outcome and any sentencing would be most helpful to us.

Sincerely,

Paul Ernst, Director  
Registration Service

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cc: North Central Region

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August 18, 1989

Mr. James D. Bare  
Scout Executive  
Great Rivers Council, No. 653

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT: Aubrey Eugene Bird

Dear Jim:

We really appreciate all the careful work you did in documenting the evidence against Mr. Bird. This material is most helpful to us and will be of great value in the future should he attempt to register in some other location.

The only thing we still need from you is the outcome of the legal action, once it has been completed. We would like to have the final outcome and any sentencing which may be imposed.

Thanks again for your help.

Sincerely,

Paul Ernst, Director  
Registration Service

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cc: North Central Region

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AUG 18 1989  
ERIN O'RILEY

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*Boy Scouts of America*

COUNCIL 653, AREA 5, NORTH CENTRAL REGION

BOX 736 (1203 FAY) COLUMBIA, MO 65205-0736/314-449-2561

August 2, 1989

Mr. Paul Ernst  
Director, Registration Service  
Boy Scouts of America  
National Office  
1325 Walnut Hill Lane  
P. O. Box 152079  
Irving, TX 75015-2079

Dear Paul:

Enclosed is all the follow-up information that you requested. Thank you for all your help with this situation.

Sincerely,

*James D. Bare, Jr.*

James D. Bare, Jr.  
Scout Executive

Enclosures

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SERVING YOUTH IN THE 33 COUNTIES OF NORTH CENTRAL MISSOURI

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June 8, 1989

In my earlier narration I failed to point out that Mr. Bill Boyce of the Department of Family Services contacted me June 8, 1989, to inquire if Gene Bird were still involved in Scouting. I assured Mr. Boyce that Gene Bird's registration had in fact been suspended on Wednesday, June 7, 1989. I strongly expressed the desire of the Council to cooperate fully with this investigation.

June 14, 1989

David Pritchard, Senior District Executive for the Lake and Osage Trails Districts, contacted me concerning a meeting being held that evening in California concerning this child abuse incident. He had been contacted by Floyd Cain, Scoutmaster of Troop 120, asking for help in dealing with this matter. Because I was not aware of the purpose or who would be attending this meeting, I instructed Mr. Pritchard to drive over to California to offer the support of the Council to the volunteer leaders in Troop 120. Upon arriving, Pritchard learned that Bill Boyce of the Department of Family Services was in attendance at the meeting, and in charge.

June 15, 1989

Richard Barry, immediate past Lake District Chairman from California, was in the Scout Office. Mr. Barry informed me that the meeting on the previous evening had gone well. I informed Mr. Barry that the National Council would pay the cost of counseling for the youth involved if this situation fit the parameters established by the National Council. Barry also informed me that the Department of Family Services was planning to conduct a parents' meeting and counseling session on June 21, 1989. I informed Mr. Barry that if it would be helpful, the Council President, myself and Jack Rogers, a volunteer working with Youth Protection, would be willing to attend this meeting. Mr. Barry thought that this was a good idea and that we should plan to attend.

I called Lloyd Roitstein, Area Director, and informed him of these charges and that Mr. Bird was probably going to be arrested.

June 16, 1989

Upon reflection, I decided to call Bill Boyce with the Department of Family Services to inquire about the meeting on June 21, 1989. I informed Mr. Boyce that I and other volunteers were willing to attend, but only if it would be beneficial to the youth involved. Mr. Boyce informed me that he would visit with the parents and would later advise me if it were proper for use to attend.

Mr. Boyce informed me that Gene Bird had been arrested in Morgan County and charged with sexual abuse, for providing pornography and alcohol to youths and sexual child abuse.

At approximately 11:00 a.m. on this date, Larry Lademann, an assistant Scoutmaster with Troop 120, contacted me and stated that he did not feel that it was a good idea for either myself or the volunteers to attend the parents' meeting on June 21. I informed him at that time that we would do whatever was best to support the youngsters that had been involved in this incident. Lademann also expressed frustration with the method used by David Pritchard when he attended on June 14, 1989. He felt that Pritchard discouraged and closed down open communication in the meeting by the fact that he took notes.

June 16, 1989, cont'd.

On this afternoon I spoke to K. K. Johnson, an active Board member of the Council and former Lt. Colonel with the Missouri Highway Patrol. Mr. Johnson contacted the Morgan County Sheriff's office and confirmed that Mr. Bird had indeed been arrested.

I contacted Bud Uhlrich, Assistant Regional Director, and informed him of the charges, that I was under the impression that Bird had been arrested, and anticipated newspaper coverage. I specifically called early because one of the incidents took place in Cass County which is just to the south of Kansas City.

June 19, 1989

Deputy Kenny Jones from the Moniteau County Sheriff's office contacted me to advise me of the situation in California. I told him that I was aware of the situation and had been the person who reported incident to the Department of Family Services. Deputy Jones advised me that up to twelve youths were involved in sexual child abuse. He felt that the cases might range back five years. As others had, he advised me that charges would be filed in Morgan, Camdenton, California, and Moniteau counties. He inquired about activities at Troop 120 in Cooper County, but I could not shed any light on these incidents. Deputy Jones told me that Mr. Bird would be charged with first degree deviant sexual behavior. The incidents that he was being charged with related to masturbation by Mr. Bird of the boys. They in turn masturbated him.

In each of my conversations with the law officers, we had discussed activities that revolved around Troop 120 in California, MO. Realizing that the law enforcement officers involved in this program might not understand the structure of Scouting, I called Deputy Jones back and informed him that Mr. Bird also served as an Advisor in Explorer Post 120. I mailed the rosters of the boys in Explorer Post 120 to Deputy Jones. A copy of that letter is attached.

June 22, 1989

Bill Boyce contacted me concerning the payment of the fees of the counseling performed on June 21st for the boys and families of Troop 120. I requested that Mr. Boyce, working through the psychologist that they used, send a bill for this counseling to the Great Rivers Council. Boyce expressed concern about the families that might have moved away from California and that they would not have a support group to help them work through these problems. I informed Boyce that if names of possible youth that moved away became known, and that if he would inform me, that I would try to trace down through our organization their forwarding addresses.

On this date I also forwarded to Mr. Boyce a complete listing of the rosters of Troop 120 dating from 1971. Mr. Boyce expressly thanked me for the cooperation given by the Great Rivers Council concerning this investigation.



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COUNCIL 653, AREA 5, NORTH CENTRAL REGION

BOX 736 (1203 FAY)/COLUMBIA, MO 65205-0736/314-449-2561

June 19, 1989

- Sheriff Kenny Jones  
102 East North  
California, MO 65018

Dear Sheriff:

At the request of our Scout Executive, Jim Bare, I am sending you a current roster of Explorer Post 120. I have also enclosed copies of the two previous years' rosters.

If there is any way that we can be of further assistance, please feel free to contact either Jim or me.

Sincerely,

Quentin Karlstrand  
Assistant Scout Executive

Enclosures (3)

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JUN 21 1989

JULIE EATON

June 21, 1989

Mr. James D. Mara  
Scout Executive  
Great Rivers Council, No. 650

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT: CURRERE BIRD

Dear James:

Thank you for your letter of June 14, concerning the above named individual. This material is most helpful to us as we start a file which will lead to refusal of future registration attempts.

I am enclosing a Confidential Record Sheet which I would like to have completed, so we can identify Mr. Bird. Please give us much information as you have available.

We did not issue a credit to you at this time, since we can find only multiple registrations on our National Computer. Please tell us where a fee was paid and we will be most happy to issue a credit to your council.

Thanks for your help in protecting the youth of America.

Sincerely,

Paul Ernst, Director  
Registration Service

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Enclosure

cc: North Central Region

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COUNCIL 653, AREA 3, NORTH CENTRAL REGION

BOX 736 (1203 FAY)/COLUMBIA, MO. 65205/314-449-2561



ID # 009801

June 14, 1989

Mr. Paul Ernst  
Director of Registration  
Boy Scouts of America  
1325 Walnut Hill Lane  
P. O. Box 152079  
Irving, TX 75015-22079

Dear Mr. Ernst:

Enclosed you will find a confidential file on Mr. Eugene Bird. I have suspended Mr. Bird's membership within the Boy Scouts of America. The reasons for this suspension are outlined in the enclosed material.

Thank you for your help with this matter. If you have any further questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

James D. Bare, Jr.

James D. Bare, Jr.  
Scout Executive

Enclosures

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May 24, 1989

Mike Dimond, Senior District Executive, informed me that Harry Wilding had contacted him regarding the possibility of improper conduct occurring at a Scouting event. Dimond's impression was that "inappropriate photographs" had been taken of youth members. As a result of this report, I immediately phoned Mr. Wilding.

Mr. Wilding had tried to contact me on May 21, 1989, but was unable to reach me because I was attending an out of town staff planning conference. He told me that Dr. Sennott, a practicing Jefferson City psychologist, had contacted him to determine the Boy Scouts of America policies regarding improper activities occurring between adult Scouts and youth members. (Mr. Wilding and Dr. Sennott are personal friends and the doctor was aware of Mr. Wilding's involvement in Scouting.) Because Mr. Wilding had seen the BSA's Youth Protection video at a Five Rivers training session, he was able to refer Dr. Sennott directly to the Scout Executive of the Great Rivers Council. Dr. Sennott was also told to expect a call from me.

Upon completion of this phone conversation, I called my Area Director, Lloyd Roitstein, to inform him of this situation. He referred me to Ms. Deborah Duhs in the national office's Risk Management department.

During my conversation with Ms. Duhs, she directed me to do the following things:

1. Arrange a meeting with Dr. Sennott to explain the importance of removing the leader who might have had the improper actions in order to protect all the youth who might come in contact with him. At this point the name of the allegedly abused youth was not as important as that of the leader involved.
2. Stress with Dr. Sennott that the concern of the BSA goes beyond removal of the problem leader to include the youth and any problem that he might have as a result of a bad experience at a Scouting event. This concern could possibly include the cost of counseling if the incident met the BSA guidelines.
3. Stress with Dr. Sennott that this incident would have to be reported to the Department of Family Services of Missouri.

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I contacted Dr. Sennott to arrange for a meeting the next day.

May 25, 1989

At my meeting with Dr. Sennott, I learned that he had discussed the various options available to the youth's mother and she had agreed to allow the doctor to talk with me. The mother, [REDACTED], and her son, [REDACTED] reside at [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] are divorced. [REDACTED] is [REDACTED] in California and has been involved in Cub Scouts [REDACTED]

- Dr. Sennott expressed [REDACTED] concern that something be done regarding this alleged incident of abuse. [REDACTED] had also resigned from Scouting apparently because of what had happened to his [REDACTED]. The leader involved in this alleged incident was Gene Bird residing at [REDACTED], California, MO.

After my discussion with Dr. Sennott, the following items were established as topics of discussion with [REDACTED]:

1. Allegedly Gene Bird took single youths to camp to "check on equipment without another adult present.
2. Allegedly Mr. Bird showed these youth various improper books, movies, and/or pictures. (It was believed that these materials were pornographic, but Dr. Sennott was not sure if these items were "soft" or "hard" core pornography.)
3. Allegedly Gene Bird took [REDACTED] to a motel in Harrisonville, MO, where he touched [REDACTED] in an "improper" place.
4. To discuss with [REDACTED] the possibility that other boys may have been touched by Mr. Bird in an improper manner.
5. Allegedly Gene Bird set up showers at summer camp without any covering and then observed the boys, in the nude, while they showered.

I thanked Dr. Sennott for his cooperation and assistance and assured him that

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we would move quickly on these allegations. Once again, I informed him that BSA policies required that I report this alleged situation to the Department of Family Services.

At 11:30 p.m., I advised Lloyd Roitstein of these allegations made by Dr. Sennott. I also advised Lloyd that Gene Bird was scheduled to be the adult leader of our junior leader training program scheduled to be held over the Memorial Day weekend, May 26 through May 29, 1989. After a lengthy discussion it was agreed that the council's junior leader course could not be cancelled less than twenty-four hours prior to its scheduled beginning. Lloyd and I agreed that he would contact the National Council to secure its backing concerning this decision.

May 26, 1989

Lloyd Roitstein called back to verify that the National Council concurred with the decision to continue with the scheduled junior leader training session planned. The allegations we had were considered as third party information. It was decided that I should, therefore, speak directly with [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] regarding this alleged incident prior to contacting the Department of Family Services. It was also agreed that I would attend the beginning of the junior leader training course to reiterate with the adult volunteers that they were expected to follow all the BSA's youth protection procedures; specifically, that there was to be <sup>NO</sup> one-on-one counseling between adults and youth members and that the adult staff and the youth staff would sleep in different areas.

At 10:00 a.m., I contacted David Tilden, District Executive, to inform him that he would be spending the entire Memorial Day weekend at Camp Hohn to insure that all proper actions were taken. Until he could make plans to get to Camp Hohn, I made arrangements to be there and await his arrival.

I arrived at Camp Hohn, Laurie, MO, at approximately 1:45 p.m. and went directly to the main lodge. No other staff members had yet arrived, so I drove to the camp ranger's house to see if anyone had checked in. As I left the parking



area, I noticed an adult arriving with a single youth, but at this time I did not know who it was. It took approximately five minutes to drive to the ranger's house and learn that he wasn't at home. Back at the main lodge, I discovered that Gene Bird, Scoutmaster of the junior leader training course, was the person I had seen arriving with the single Scout. We stepped out of the lodge to conduct a conversation concerning the importance of following the BSA's Youth Protection guidelines. Mr. Bird appeared to be very nervous, especially when he realized that I was the Scout Executive. He quickly acknowledged that he had not followed these policies when he brought a single Scout to camp by himself. Bird stated that the youth, named [REDACTED] was "like family to him." Bird expected Lee White, another adult staff member, to arrive in a very few minutes. When Mr. White did not arrive in the specified time limit, Mr. Bird quickly assured me that he was coming. At this time I did not believe Mr. Bird regarding Mr. white's arrival at camp, but I did not express this to him.

At no time was Gene Bird left alone with the single youth that he had brought to this event. Lee White arrived at Camp Hohn at approximately 4:00 p.m. at which time I phoned Lloyd Roitstein to advise him that Mr. Bird had arrived at camp with a single youth. Additional arrangements were made at this time for Dan Claibourn, Camp Hohn's ranger, to ride home with Mr. Bird and the youth in order that two adults be present with the youth at all times.

The full adult staff was scheduled to arrive at 6:00 p.m. and at that time six of the eight were there. I spoke with them concerning the need to always follow the youth protection policies of the BSA. I went as far as to state that Gene Bird, as Scoutmaster of this event, would be providing the necessary leadership in this area. Mr. Bird agreed with me that there would be no problem at this event regarding the youth protection policies.

May 30, 1989

I contacted [REDACTED] and arranged for her to visit me at the Scout Service Center on Tuesday, June 5th, the earliest time that her schedule would permit us to meet.

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June 5, 1989

In a discussion with Dan Claibourn, I discovered that during the previous year that Mr. Bird had arrived at Camp Hohn with a single youth on several occasions for the expressed purpose of "working" on various projects. He brought a different youth with each time, but seemed to always follow the same pattern. After working during the day, Mr. Bird would leave for the evening and return to camp on Sunday morning for a cup of coffee and to say goodbye. It should be noted here that Mr. Claibourn is a friend of Mr. Bird's and found this conversation very disagreeable. Claibourn stated that he did not feel that visits were "Scouting events" because Mr. Bird and the youths were not coming down to camp for specified "work days." When asked to consider how a parent might construe any activity conducted with an adult Scouter taking place at camp as a "Scouting" activity, he was dismayed. Further discussion revealed that Mr. Bird had spent the night with a single youth in the health lodge around the middle of May. This apparently happened because Mr. Bird couldn't find a vacant room in town because it was the beginning of turkey hunting season. Claibourn felt that no other leaders had abused the two-leader policy at camp.

June 6, 1989

██████████ and her son ██████████ arrived at the Scout Service Center at 2:00 p.m. I began the interview by expressing Scouting's concern for all youth, including ██████████. It was because of this concern that I would be asking them both to discuss some very difficult matters, but that their cooperation would be very much appreciated. The alleged incident began with Mr. Bird inviting Nathan to do some "merit badge work" over a weekend. ██████████ agreed that ██████████ could go with Mr. Bird. According to ██████████, when they left Mr. Bird stated that "he had forgotten to bring along the necessary merit badge books, so they would just visit some antique stores in the area." That evening they ended up at a motel in Harrisonville, MO, where Mr. Bird allegedly offered ██████████ both alcohol and pornographic material. Later, after retiring for bed, Mr. Bird allegedly tried to touch ██████████ in an "improper" place. ██████████ jumped out of bed and left the room to try to phone his father who lives in ██████████. He was unable to reach his father, so he returned to the room and spent the

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remainder of the night on the floor.

When specifically asked if he felt that other youth had been approached by Mr. Bird, [REDACTED] gave the following responses:

1. Mr. Bird had sat in the nude near the temporary showers at Camp Hohn and watched the boys bathe.
2. The other boys told Nathan that they had seen "X-rated" movies provided by Mr. Bird at Camp Hohn.
3. [REDACTED] stated that he had slept in the back of Gene Bird's truck, in the staff lodge, and the health lodge along with Mr. Bird.

After this last statement, [REDACTED] stated that she knew that Mr. Bird had taken other single youths on work trips to Camp Hohn.

(i) Apparently, the alleged incident in the Harrisonville motel room occurred on the weekend of the Junior Miss pageant in California held during the fall of 1987. I inquired why they had not reported the incident earlier and was told that [REDACTED] had told his mother, eventually, but that they didn't think anything would be done. ([REDACTED] didn't tell his mother until she had tried to push him back into Scouting after dropping out. She had even told him that "Mr. Bird was a nice man who wished to help him.") When [REDACTED] heard about this alleged incident, he tried to talk with some of the other parents regarding Mr. Bird and his actions with no success. It was at this point in the conversation that I asked to speak with [REDACTED] alone.

I informed [REDACTED] that with the information that they had given me that it seemed a dangerous pattern was evolving which should be reported to the Missouri Department of Family Services. She was somewhat distressed with my decision because of her fear that such an alleged incident would become public knowledge in their small town.

After the [REDACTED] departure, I informed Lloyd Roitstein of the latest information. He restated the importance of following all national and council policies with regard to reporting this alleged incident to the Department of Family Services.

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June 7, 1989

I unsuccessfully tried to contact [REDACTED] several times to let her know that I would be notifying the Department of Family Services. The alleged incident was phoned into the Missouri "hot line" at 3:30 p.m.

Mr. Bird was the next person I contacted to arrange for a meeting with him. Arrangements were made for Wednesday, June 8, after he got off work. For his convenience, we arranged to meet at the Burger Haus on the west side of California at 6:00 p.m. It concerned me that Mr. Bird didn't ask me why I had so unexpectedly asked to meet him.

June 8, 1989

Jack Rogers, a practicing counselor involved with the council, and I met at the Scout Service Center to drive to California. The conversation began with my expression of concern that he had not been following the youth protection guidelines as evidenced by his arrival at Camp Hohn with a single youth for the weekend of junior leader training. In addition, I told him that I had been told that he may have been involved in incidents where he allegedly shared alcohol and pornographic materials with Scouts. He quickly denied these allegations. I continued by telling him that after talking with other council employees that it was apparent that there had been numerous incidents when he showed up at Camp Hohn with single Scouts on the pretense of working on some project. He acknowledged that these incidents were true. (I am uncertain exactly how many times this type of incident may have happened.) It was at this point that Mr. Bird keyed in on the issue of alcoholic beverages stating that "the kids may have gotten into the beer behind his back."

Mr. Bird was then informed that it was within my rights as Scout Executive of the Great Rivers Council to suspend his membership with the Boy Scouts of America. He resigned his membership which I accepted. Mr. Bird was then given a copy of the following letter and its contents were explained to him.

Mr. Bird went on to acknowledge that he had taken [REDACTED] alone, (I do not know

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his last name) to his parents' cabin at [REDACTED]. During these trips to the cabin Mr. Bird had "delivered supplies to Camp Hohn." I don't know why Mr. Bird brought these activities to my attention.

Despite the fact that I didn't specifically mention [REDACTED] name, Mr. Bird mentioned that [REDACTED] had not been associated with the Scout troop for some time. Mr. Rogers and I did not mention anyone by name involved in these allegations and restated that we were not making any accusations. We were, in fact, only following the appropriate Boy Scouts of America procedures used in the Youth Protection guidelines. It was at this time that Mr. Bird was informed that the allegations had been turned over to the proper authorities for investigation.

Mr. Bird accepted his letter of suspension maintaining that "he had done nothing wrong," but that he did not wish to draw any of the boys into this unfortunate matter and would therefore terminate his association with Scouting.

June 13, 1989

[REDACTED] returned my calls of last week. I told her that the matter of the alleged improprieties had been turned over to the proper authorities for investigation. She seemed to be mildly upset with this knowledge.



Great Rivers Council

*Boy Scouts of America*

COUNCIL 553, AREA 5, NORTH CENTRAL REGION

BOX 736 (1203 FAY)/COLUMBIA, MO 65205-0736/314-449-2561

June 7, 1989

Mr. Gene Bird

California, MO 65018

Dear Gene:

After careful review, we have decided that your registration with the Boy Scouts of America should be suspended. We are therefore compelled to request that you sever any relations that you may have with the Boy Scouts of America. A refund of your registration fee is enclosed.

You should understand that BSA membership registration is a privilege and is not automatically granted to everyone who applies. We reserve the right to suspend registration whenever there is a concern that an individual may not meet the high standards of membership which the BSA seeks to provide for American youth.

If you wish to have this decision reviewed by a council review committee, please write to me within 60 days of the date of this letter, explaining your version of the facts supporting your claim that your registration as a BSA member should be reinstated. The procedures for a review of this decision are attached.

Sincerely yours,

James D. Bare, Jr.  
Scout Executive

JDB/jt

Attachment

(Hand delivered to Mr. Bird)



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APPLICANT PROCEDURE FOR REQUESTING REVIEW  
OF DECISION DENYING REGISTRATION

1. If registration is refused, the applicant may request a review of this decision. This request must be in the form of a written request from the individual which includes his or her version of the facts supporting the claim that registration should not have been denied.
2. Upon receipt of the written request for review, the president of the local council shall appoint a committee to review the situation.
3. The appointed committee should review the facts as presented, and in addition, may interview any persons whose testimony might assist the committee in discovering the truth and arriving at a correct decision.
4. A confidential report will be given to the applicant setting forth the decision of the committee.
5. The applicant may - if he or she does not agree with the decision - request a review from the regional director.
6. If the regional review does not satisfy the applicant, he or she may ask for further review by the National Council. The decision by the National Council is final.



GREAT RIVERS COUNCIL NO. 653

BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

BOX 736

COLUMBIA, MO 65205-0736

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PAY TO THE  
ORDER OF

Gene Bird

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Boone County National Bank

8th &amp; Broadway, P.O. Box 678/Columbia, MO 65205

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GREAT RIVERS COUNCIL NO. 653  
BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA  
COLUMBIA, MODETACH AND RETAIN THIS STATEMENT  
THE ATTACHED CHECK IS IN PAYMENT OF ITEMS DESCRIBED BELOW.  
IF NOT CORRECT PLEASE NOTIFY US PROMPTLY. NO RECEIPT DESIRED.

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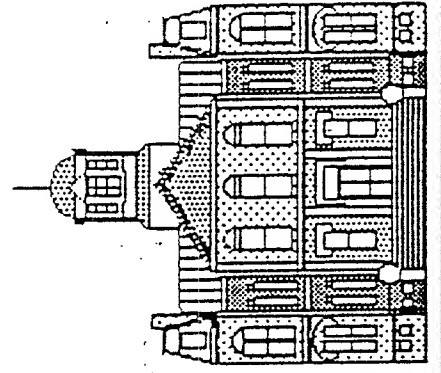
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LLOYD ROITSTEIN, N.C. REGION

JIM GARRE, SE.

Boy - FORMER SCOUT (11 OR 12 YRS AGE)  
MOLESTED 9 MONTHS AGO  
Boy NOW IN COUNSELLING  
SE IS TALKING TO Boy TODAY

INFO AND NAME TO COME.

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# The Versailles Leader-Statesman

## Scoutmaster arrested on sodomy charges

An assistant scoutmaster in Monticau County was arrested last week and brought to Morgan County on sexual abuse and sodomy charges.

Aubrey E. Bird, 55, California, was arrested last Thursday night by Morgan County Sheriff Gary Smith with the help of Monticau County Sheriff Kenny Jones.

Smith investigated the matter in Monticau County all day last Thursday, and returned to Morgan County with the subject.

Bird allegedly molested several Boy Scouts in his Monticau County troop, Smith said. The sodomizing apparently took place in Morgan,

Monticau, Camden and Cass counties, Smith said.

Most of the youths involved are from California and some are in their early teens. Incidents were traced back to 1982 with the most recent one three weeks ago, John Kay, Monticau County prosecutor, said.

After being arraigned in Morgan County, Bird was placed on \$25,000 bond. His charge was a class B felony sodomy. He bonded out but Monticau County had an outstanding warrant on him. He is being held in the Monticau County Jail on \$75,000 bond. Bird is charged with a class D felony of devi-

ate sexual assault in the second degree. That charge stems from a Nov. 5, 1984 incident involving a 16-year-old youth. Bird will be arraigned Tuesday, June 27 in Monticau County. He is also charged with a class C felony of deviate sexual assault in the first degree.

According to information Kay received Tuesday, Camden County filed two counts of sodomy and one count of deviate sexual assault in the second degree against Bird.

As of Tuesday afternoon, Kay said additional charges were pending in Morgan, Monticau and Cass counties.

# Bird faces charges

A California Boy Scout leader faces charges of deviate sexual assault and sodomy in at least three counties, according to Moniteau County Prosecuting Attorney John Kay.

Aubrey Eugene Bird, California, faces charges in Moniteau County of deviate sexual assault in the first degree against a 14-year-old youth. Kay said the charges were filed Friday after the Moniteau County Sheriff's Department became aware of the offense which occurred sometime during August and September 1987 in California.

Bird was incarcerated in the Moniteau County Jail and bond was set at \$25,000.

A second charge in Moniteau County against Bird was filed

yesterday, Kay said. Bird was charged with deviate sexual assault in the second degree in an incident involving a 16-year-old youth Nov. 5, 1984. Bond on that charge was set at \$75,000.

Earlier, on Thursday, the Moniteau County Sheriff's Department turned over information to the Morgan County prosecuting attorney regarding another victim, Kay said, resulting in a charge filed Thursday of sodomy. Judge Patricia Scott set bond at \$25,000 which Bird posted.

More charges were filed yesterday in Camden County including two counts of sodomy and one count of deviate sexual assault in the first degree. Bond

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## Bird

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had not been set at press time.

Kay anticipated additional charges from Morgan, Moniteau and Camden counties as well as from Cass County.

Sodomy is a class B felony with a possible sentence of five to 15 years. Deviate sexual assault is a class C felony with a sentence of two to seven years. Deviate sexual assault in the second degree is a class D felony and carries a sentence of two to five years.

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## Moniteau County Court News

### Wiser

Sadie Wiser, 88, Springfield, died Thursday, June 15, at her home.

She was born June 10, 1900.

### Associate Circuit Court

Speeding 56 mph-65 mph; fine and costs, \$36 - Duane Franklin Robertson, Russellville; Dan Lee Boles, Florence; Kenneth R. Kiesling, California; Roy Ed.

sufficient funds check in the amount of \$56.16 to Place's.

Lake of the Ozarks General Hospital vs. George Lee Gillis; suit filed for an account in the amount of \$3,201.20 plus interest.

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## Sex crimes filed against scoutmaster

A 55-year-old California assistant scoutmaster faces sex charges in at least three counties for allegedly engaging in sex with Boy Scouts.

Aubrey E. Bird is being held in the Moniteau County Jail on a \$75,000 bond for one count of deviate sexual assault in the first degree and one count of deviate sexual assault in the second degree. He was arrested June 15 in Morgan County on a similar charge and was released after posting \$25,000 bond.

Moniteau County Prosecuting Attorney John Kay said Bird was arrested again Monday by the Boone County Sheriff's Department. Charges are also pending against Bird in Camden and Morgan counties.

"His victims were the scouts," Morgan County Sheriff Gary Smith said. Kay said Bird allegedly had sexual intercourse in August or September with a 14-year-old boy. He said a second charge was filed against Bird for allegedly having sex with a 16-year-old boy November 5, 1984 in Linn Township.

Additional charges may be filed against Bird in Cass County.

"The victims in Camden, Morgan and Cass counties are all from California," Kay said. "When our sheriff's department began working on the case, it was a matter of where the offenses occurred."

The prosecutor said one of the charges he filed involves a youth from Cole County.

Bird, an employee of the Materials and Research Division of the Missouri Highway and Transportation Department, will be arraigned Tuesday in Moniteau County.

The Morgan County Sheriff said Bird was arrested June 15 after receiving a tip from Moniteau County Sheriff Kenny Jones. Kay said the investigation into the sex charges by the Moniteau County Sheriff's Department is continuing.

"We have seen nothing that indicates the offenses occurred during official Boy Scout activities," Kay said.

A warrant for Bird's arrest was originally issued by Morgan